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analyst and David Gergens,
Republican analyst ~~commented~~ ^{commented on}
President Reagan's statement
about the Beirut embassy
bombing.

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WOODRUFF: Uhm-mmm. BARON: ...if the economy was
frankly, like it was two years ago, he could smile a great
deal more and wouldn't have as many votes. GERGEN:

I think the critical point on this one
is, I don't think it was Reagan's, I would concede on the
kitchen statement, that might have been better phrased.

On the one about the intelligence community and the
changes, he made a statement which he feels to this moment
was correct, and that is that the intelligence community
was, or did deteriorate, and he is in the process of
rebuilding, and we'd be in better shape if we had not had
to gone through this deterioration. What happened was
that after he made his statement about that, one of his
campaign aides, who was not on the, not with, had not
checked in, made an unfortunate statement, said he was
talking about Carter...

WOODRUFF: He said he was talking about Carter. GERGEN:
And that's what upset Reagan because he put a gloss on
what he had said that he felt was totally inaccurate, and
that's why he felt he had to call Carter, which he did
this morning.

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